



POINT 2 WILDFIRE UPDATE

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George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests
Lee Ranger District*

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Fire Information: 540-984-4101
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11:00 a.m.

Current Status	Fire is located on national forest lands on Massanutten Mountain between Sherman Gap and Veach Gap.
Counties	Shenandoah and Warren Counties, VA
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 145 Acres
Containment	0 % Containment at this time.
Cause and Date Started	Fire cause is under investigation and was first detected Monday, June 25, 2012 at approx. 1330 hrs.
Cooperators	Virginia Department of Forestry and Warren County Fire and Rescue
Resources on the Fire	Firefighters: Lonesome Pine Type II Crew (21 people), South Carolina Type II Crew (22 people); 2 Squads (20 people); Helicopter Crew (3 people); Overhead & Support staff: 15 Other Resources: 1 Type 3 helicopter; VDOF Bull Dozer; FS Bull Dozer; FS Engine 2-1 Total Personnel: 85
Restrictions and Closures	The Massanutten National Recreation Trail (#408) is closed from Shawl Gap to Veach Gap, Tuscarora Trail (#405.1) is closed from Shawl Gap To Panhandle Road (SR 613); and Sherman Gap Trail (#403) and Veach Gap Trail (#484) are closed.
Plans for Today	Firefighters will continue to construct and maintain control lines on the west side of the fire. They will also scout locations to construct control lines on the east side of the fire in the Sherman Gap area. The helicopter is working to strengthen containment lines on the north flank of the fire using water drops to slow down the fire spread.
Fire weather	Northwest winds around 15 MPH. Relative humidities are expected to decrease to around 30% this afternoon. Fuel moisture will remain low due to little rainfall over the last several days. The combination of gusty winds and low fuel moisture will enhance the threat for the spread of wildfires this afternoon and early evening. Temp: High 86, Low 56 ; Min RH: 33%; Tonight's RH 82%
Other Fire Information	#1 priority is public and firefighter safety. Please use caution with all campfires. Be aware that fireworks are prohibited on national forest lands. Homeowners are encouraged to visit www.firewise.org for information on how to make their homes more defensible from wildfires.